

SENATE BILL 1526
By Rochelle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 22; Title 7, Chapter 88, Part 1 and Title 64, Chapter 7, relative to tourism.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 22, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 4-3-2209.

(a) The commissioner is authorized to establish a toll-free telephone service to enable citizens within the state to call the commissioner free of charge. One (1) toll-free telephone line shall be used and be in operation Monday through Friday for twelve (12) hours beginning at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and ending at seven o'clock (7:00) p.m., central time. By use of a voice mail system, such service shall enable members of the public to leave messages for the commissioner, receive information pertaining to upcoming tourist events, and receive information on weather in Tennessee.

(b) The commissioner is authorized to establish a toll-free telephone service using a telecommunications device for the deaf to enable deaf citizens to call the commissioner free of charge. One (1) toll-free telephone line using a

telecommunications device for the deaf shall be used and shall be in operation Monday through Friday for twelve (12) hours beginning at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and ending at seven o'clock (7:00) p.m., central time. By use of a voice mail system which employs technology that serves deaf persons, such service will enable deaf members of the public to leave messages for the commissioner, receive information pertaining to upcoming tourist events, and receive information on weather in Tennessee.

(c) The commissioner is also authorized to discontinue such telephone service if it is adopted and if the commissioner deems such telephone service ineffective, not cost-effective or contrary to the needs of tourism in Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.